



Arizona Medical Board

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RE: Ronald K. Aikawa, M.D.
Case# MD-10-0557A

Dear Mr. Holden:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that during the course of the February 9, 2011 public meeting, the Arizona Medical Board (Board) reviewed the above-referenced complaint and all pertinent evidence and information gathered during the investigation. At the conclusion of its review, the Board voted to issue Dr. Aikawa this Advisory Letter for failure to consider cord compression in a patient with back pain and inability to urinate.

An advisory letter is a non-disciplinary action, and is not subject to review by either the Board or the Courts. See *Murphy v. Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Arizona*, 190 Ariz. 441, 949 P.2d 530 (App. 1997). However, the licensee may file a written response to the letter with the Board within thirty days after its receipt A.R.S. § 32-1451(E)(3). Please be aware that Board staff will only post a narrative response by the licensee or the licensee's legal representative on the Board's website. Accordingly, please do not include medical records or third party opinions as part of your response. Also, please remember that your client is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of the patient's identity. Finally, Board staff requests that the response not disclose the name of the medical consultant who reviewed the case or the name of any other healthcare provider associated with the matter in question.

If timely received, the response will be attached to the advisory letter and maintained in the licensee's permanent file. The written response will also be hyperlinked to the licensee's profile on the agency's website.

Sincerely,

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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **RONALD AIKAWA M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 13929
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine

6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-10-0557A

**ORDER FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL
EDUCATION**

(NON-DISCIPLINARY)

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8 At its public meeting on February 9, 2011, the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") issued an
9 Order for Continuing Medical Education (CME) to Ronald Aikawa, M.D. ("Physician") for failure to
10 document a complete neurologic exam in violation of A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(e). The Board voted
11 to require Physician to, within six months, complete the PACE medical recordkeeping course
12 pursuant to its authority under A.R.S. § 32-1451(E)(2).

13 **ORDER**

14 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician shall within six months complete the PACE
15 medical recordkeeping course. Physician shall also provide Board Staff with satisfactory proof of
16 attendance. The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for biennial renewal of his
17 medical license. Respondent's failure to complete the CME will subject him to future disciplinary
18 action by the Board. A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r).

19 **RIGHT TO APPEAL**

20 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.03, any person aggrieved by this
21 decision may apply to the Board, in writing, within thirty (30) days of receipt and request a public
22 hearing with respect to this order. You may request a hearing by filing a notice of appeal. The
23 notice of appeal must be filed with the Board's Executive Director, and should include your name,
24 address, the action being appealed, and a concise statement of the reasons for the appeal. If you
25 request a public hearing, the hearing will be scheduled within sixty (60) days of receipt of your

1 request. If you request a public hearing, you also have the right to request an informal settlement
2 conference by filing a written request with the Board, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.06, no later than
3 twenty (20) days before the scheduled hearing. The conference will be held within fifteen (15) days
4 after receipt of your request. Please note that you waive any right to object to the participation of
5 the Board's representative in the final administrative decision of the matter if it is not settled at the
6 conference.

7 DATED this 17th day of February, 2011.

8 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

9 [SEAL]



10 By Lisa S. Wynn

11 LISA S. WYNN
12 Executive Director

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14 **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing filed this
17th day of February, 2011, with:

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18 **EXECUTED COPY** of the foregoing
19 Mailed by US Mail this 17th day of February, 2011 to:

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